

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

November 2012 – Week 1

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TITLE: CONFEDERATES HAVE A HOME

NOVEMBER 1886, AND CONFEDERATE VETERANS HAVE A HOME.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

NOVEMBER 1, 1886. AUSTIN. TWENTY-ONE YEARS AFTER THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS HOME IS OPEN. BUILT USING PRIVATE DONATIONS, THE HOME PROVIDES CARE FOR AGING VETERANS OF THE LATE WAR.

OVER 60 YEARS, THE HOME ON WEST SIXTH HOUSED TWO THOUSAND CONFEDERATES AS WELL AS VETERANS FROM THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR AND WORLD WAR I.

IN 1954, THE LAST RESIDENT DIED AT THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT. THE HOME WAS TORN DOWN IN 1970.

IN 1998 A STATE LAW PASSED PROVIDING FOR NEW VETERANS HOMES IN TEXAS. TODAY THE VETERANS LAND BOARD OVERSEES 8 HOMES STATEWIDE.

THE TEXAS CONFEDERATE HOME OPENED 126 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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